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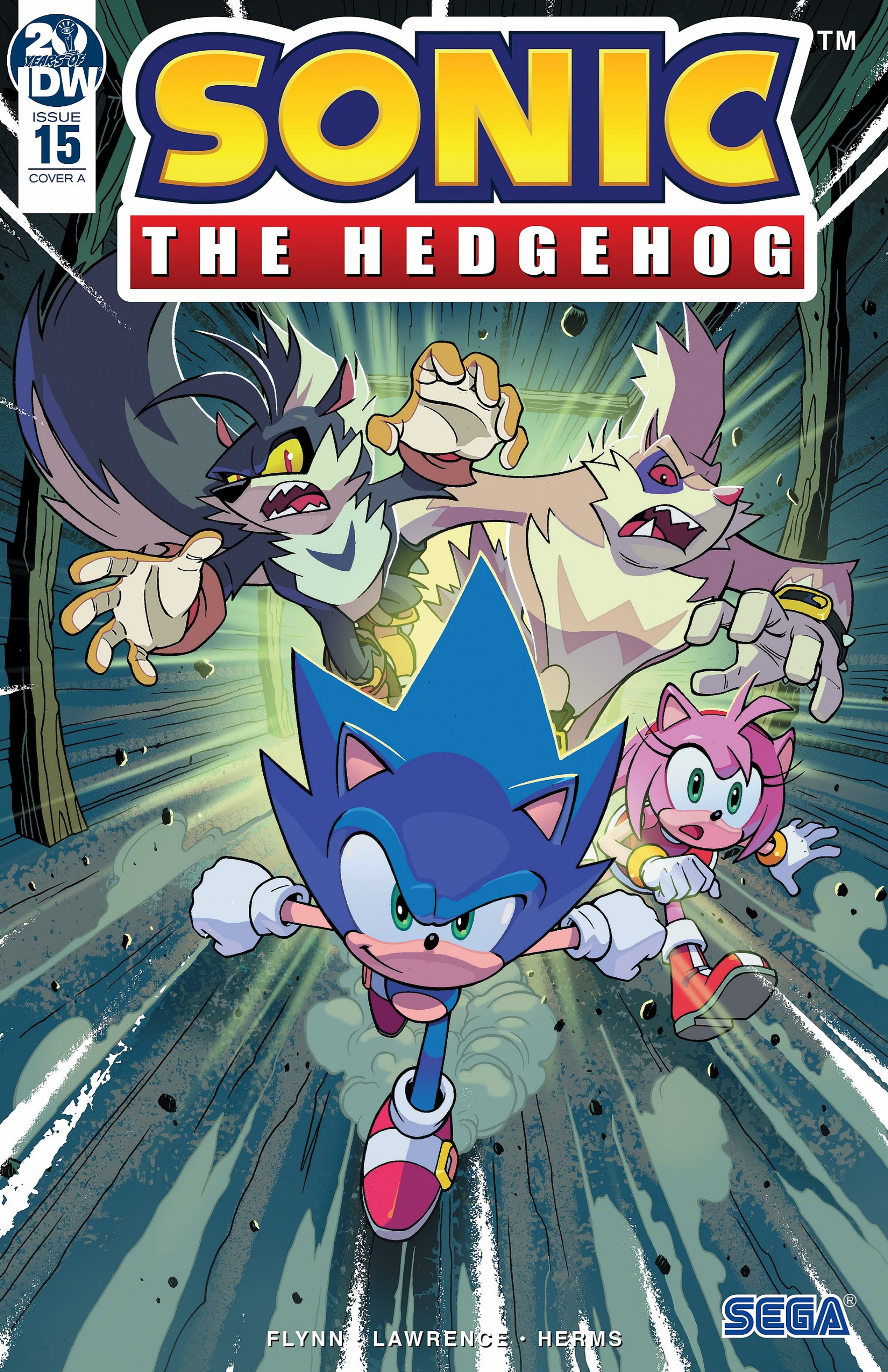

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PREVIOUSLY

THE DEAL WAS WE HELPED GET YOU BACK AND YOU HELP US WASTE SONIC!

YOUR LAST SET OF WEAPONS WEREN'T GOOD ENOUGH. WE WANT WHAT YOU OWE US, AND WE WANT IT *NOW*.

YOU'RE IN LUCK! MY LATEST WEAPON JUST GOT OUT OF BETA!

NO, BUT IT *DID* PASS FROM FLORA TO FAUNA. THAT'S TEST FIVE COMPLETE!

MY *METAL VIRUS* IS A COMPLETE SUCCESS!

EVEN WITH THE SLIGHTEST EXPOSURE, MY SYNTHETIC CONCOCTION SPREADS ACROSS ORGANIC TISSUE, CONVERTING IT INTO MY ROBOTIC SLAVE! IT'S AN ARMY THAT BUILDS ITSELF!

INORGANIC OR PROCESSED MATERIAL REMAINS INERT, MEANING MY INFRASTRUCTURE IS SAFE FROM INFECTION OR CORRUPTION!

I'M A GENIUS!

I WANT TO HEAR IT FROM *YOU*, FANBOY. WHERE IS EGGMAN? WHAT ARE YOU TWO PLANNING?

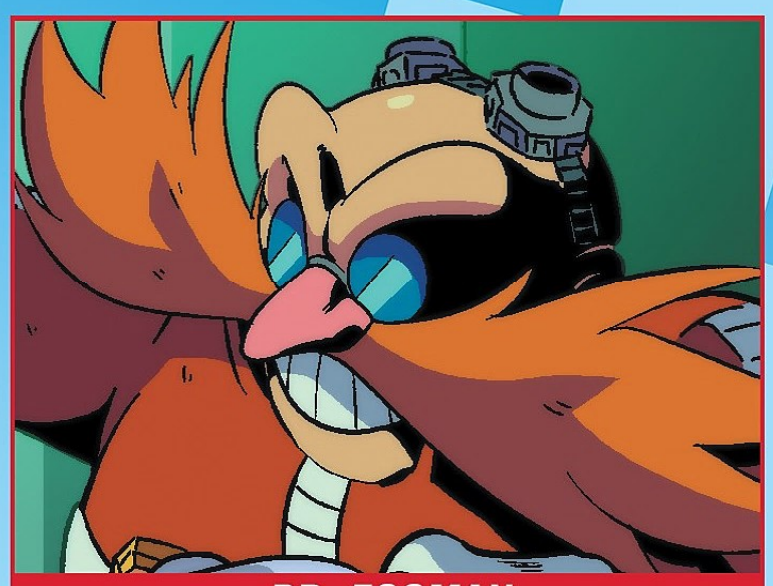
E-EGGMAN ISN'T HERE! HE'S PLANNING SOMETHING *BREATHTAKING!*

SORRY, EGGMAN, BUT IT'S GAME OVER FOR YOU!

ROLL CALL

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.

AMY ROSE
Hammer-Swinging Heroine.
Restoration organizer.



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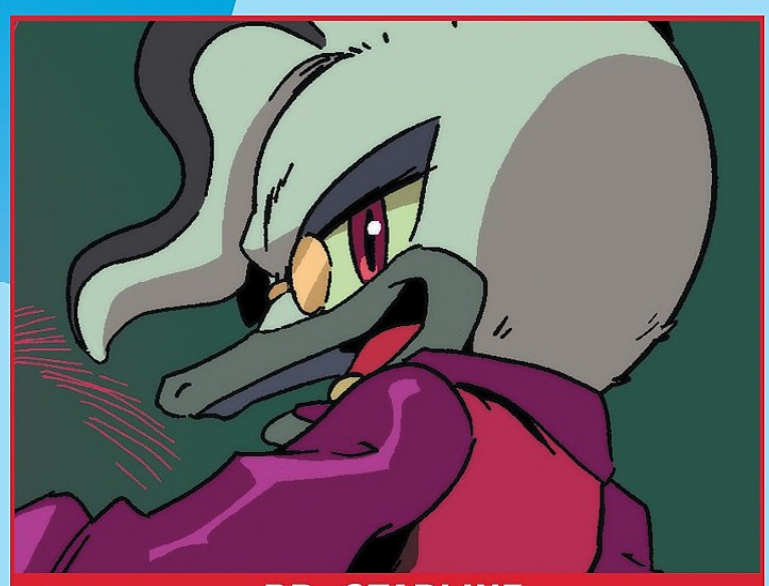
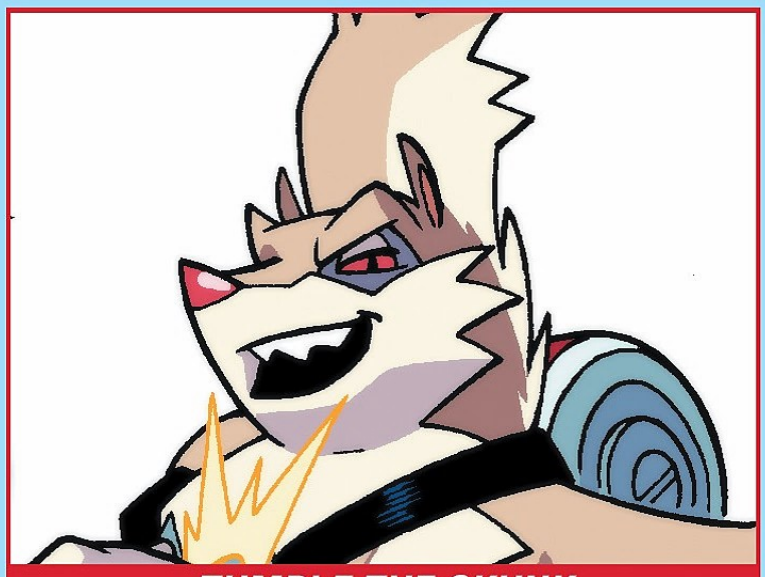
Mad Genius Restored.
Eggman Empire.



DR. STARLINE
Aspiring Villain.
Eggman Empire.

ROUGH THE SKUNK
A Real Stinker.
Tumble's brother.



TUMBLE THE SKUNK
Ruffian Out for Revenge.
Rough's brother.

ECHO MINE.

Y'KNOW WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT EGGMAN?

WHAT'S THAT?

HIS SUBTLETY.

LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS A HECK OF A BATTLE HERE.

THERE WAS! THIS WAS WHERE ONE OF OUR BIGGEST COUNTER-ATTACKS AGAINST DR. EGGMAN'S FORCES HAPPENED BEFORE YOU CAME BACK TO US.

WE WERE ABLE TO LIBERATE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT DAY.

WE LOST A LOT OF GOOD PEOPLE, TOO...

HEY— YOU MADE SURE IT WAS WORTH IT.

WELL, YEAH. SAVING THE DAY IS WHAT I DO.

YOU WON THE WAR FOR US.

AND WE'RE HERE TO STOP EGGMAN FROM PERFORMING AN ENCORE. WHICH WAY?

THE COMMAND HUB IS DOWN THIS TUNNEL.

HOPEFULLY THE BACK-UP GENERATOR STILL WORKS.

WITH A LITTLE LUCK, WE'LL BE ABLE TO BOOT UP HIS COMPUTER, ACCESS HIS NETWORK, AND FIND OUT WHAT HE'S PLANNING!

SILVER AND I SAW HIS BADNIKS EMPTYING A DEFUNCT LAB, THOUGH.* HOW DO YOU KNOW HE HASN'T DONE THE SAME THING HERE?

I DON'T. BUT THIS IS THE CLOSEST ABANDONED BASE ON FILE, SO IT'S THE BEST PLACE TO START!

*LAST ISSUE.

SOON...

HERE WE ARE!

FINALLY. IT'S TOO DARK TO RUN, BUT ALL THIS WALKING IS KILLING ME.

PLEASE-OH-PLEASE WORK...

KA-CHUNK

CLICK-CLICK-

HUMMMM

WOO-HOO! WE'RE IN BUSINESS.

MAN, NOT EVEN RESERVE BADNIKS? SNORE-FEST.

eggnet

MEANWHILE— EGGMAN'S SECRET LAB.

HEH-HEH-HEH! THIS IS SO MEAN I ALMOST FEEL BAD FOR THOSE DOPES.

ALMOST.

SIR! THERE WAS A PING ON THE EGGNET! THE ECHO MINE HAS COME BACK ONLINE!

MMM'KAY. AND I SHOULD CARE BECAUSE...?

IT'S SONIC AND AMY ROSE.

THEY HAVE UNGUARDED ACCESS TO YOUR FILES THERE, SIR.

WHAT IMPECCABLE TIMING! CUBOT, TELL ROUGH AND TUMBLE TO MEET ME IN HANGAR THREE.

YOU GOT IT, BOSS!

HOW CAN YOU BE SO CASUAL ABOUT THIS?

THE METAL VIRUS MAY BE VIABLE, BUT YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED—

STARLINE, YOU NEED TO LEARN TO ENJOY THESE ***DRAMATIC SUDDEN DEADLINES.***

YOU FINALLY GET OFF YOUR FAT BUTT AND GET US THOSE WEAPONS?

WE'VE GOT HALF A MIND TO JUST TAKE OVER THIS DUMP FOR OURSELVES.

"HALF A MIND" IS BEING GENEROUS.

THESE BACKPACKS ARE YOUR BACK-UPS. HIT THE BUTTON ON THE CROSS-STRAPS IF SONIC GETS THE UPPER HAND.

I WAS HOPING FOR A TAIL...

SO WHAT, IT GIVES US SUPERPOWERS OR SOMETHING?

OR SOMETHING.

IF THESE ARE THE BACK-UPS, WHAT'RE WE LEADING WITH?

GET A LOAD OF THIS!

UH-OH– LOGIN SCREEN. DO YOU EVEN REMEMBER ANY OLD PASSWORDS?

IT'S USUALLY A VARIATION ON THIS.

EGGNET LOGIN

EGGMAN

H4T3TH4TH3DG3HOG

I'M IN.

THE MOST RECENT FILES ARE FOR... *THIS.*

IS THAT THE *ARK*?

NO, THIS LOOKS TO BE MUCH SMALLER.

I'M SEEING A LOT OF TALK ABOUT "PAYLOAD DISTRIBUTION", BUT OF WHAT...?

RRRUMBLE

NO! WE NEED TO KNOW MORE!

I THINK EGGMAN JUST REMEMBERED HIS FORGOTTEN BASE!

RRRUMBLE

KOOWA

WE'LL CAVE-IN THE MINES!
BURY YOU IN THE RUBBLE!
YOU'RE GONNA GET WRECKED BY...
-ROUGH & TUMBLE!
IF THAT'S GOING TO BE YOUR THING, IT ACTUALLY HAS TO *RHYME!*
WE DID RHYME!
WELL... NOT *EXACTLY...*
WHAT?!
"RUBBLE" AND "TUMBLE" ONLY KINDA RHYME AT BEST!
I *OFFERED* TO GO BY "TUMBLE AND ROUGH!"
THAT DOESN'T *FLOW* AND YOU KNOW IT!
HOW DID THESE GUYS TAKE OVER A WHOLE TOWN?*
BLUNT OBJECTS CAN STILL BE DANGEROUS. BE HAPPY YOU GET A TURN BEATING THEM UP.
*STH #3.

I GUESS. BETTER NEUTRALIZE THIS FIRST!

PIKO

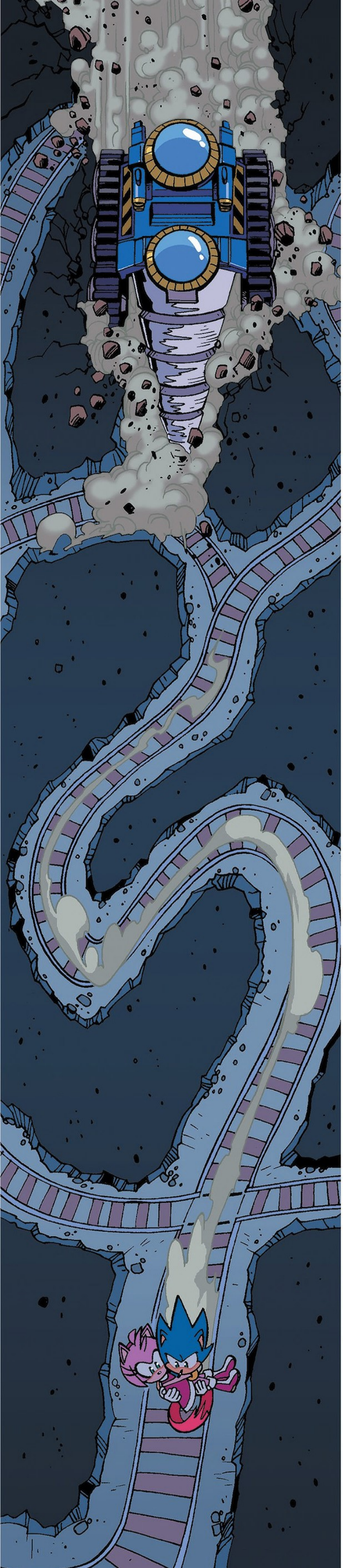
FORGET IT! WE'LL STEAL A RHYMING DICTIONARY LATER!

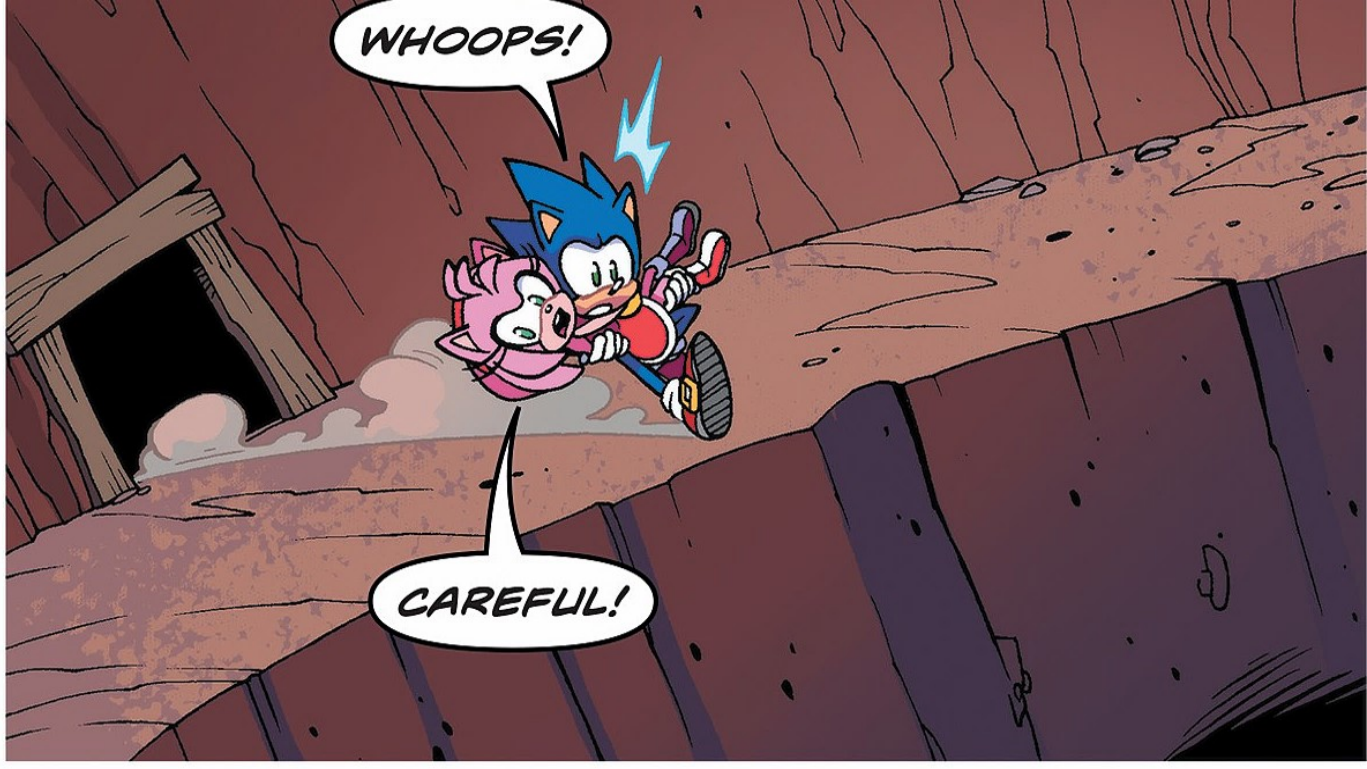
RIGHT! WE'VE GOT ROADKILL TO SERVE UP!

BRAKKA-RAKKA-RAKKA

YEESH— THAT THING IS SOLID!

AND DANGEROUS! WOO-HOO!

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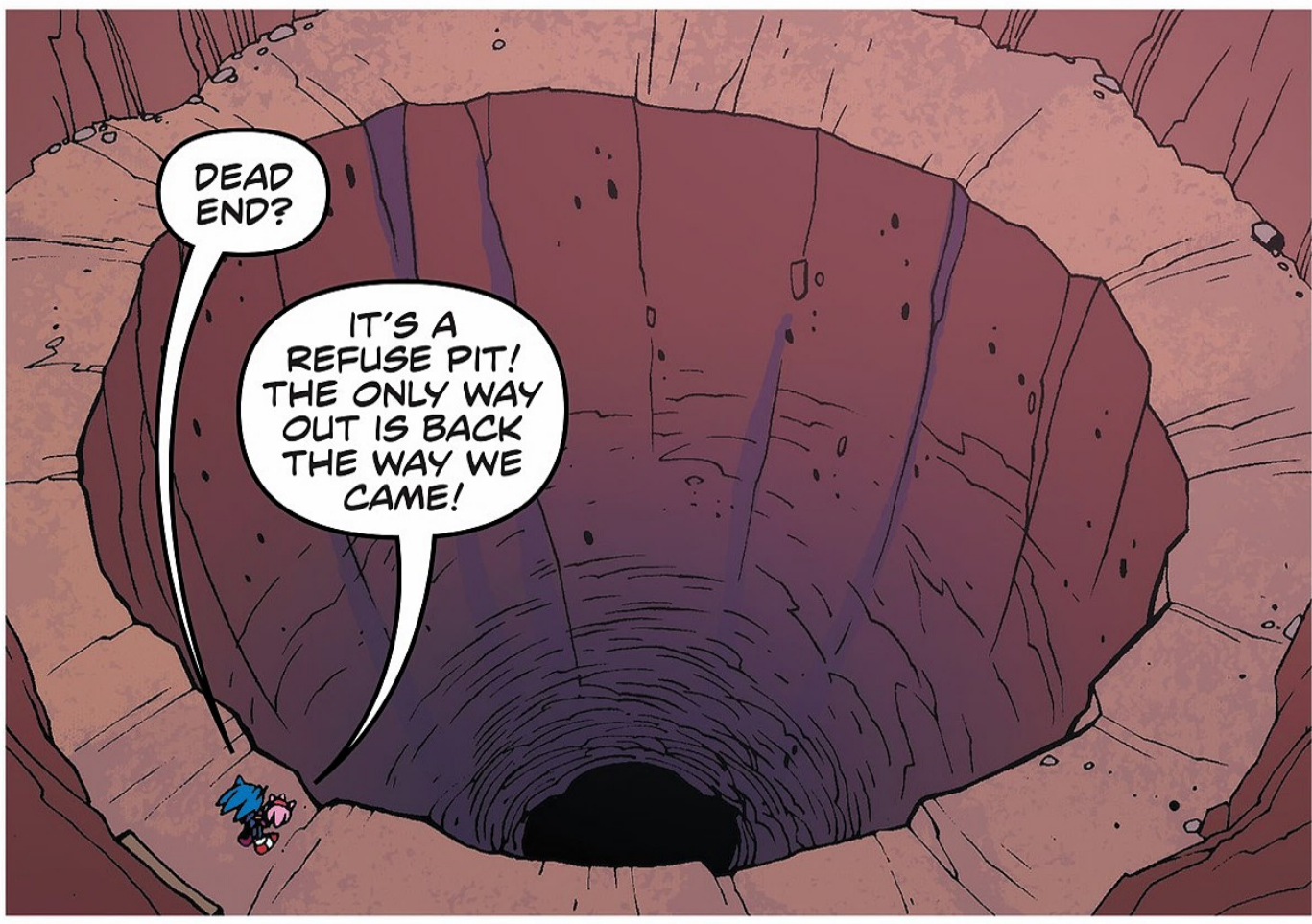
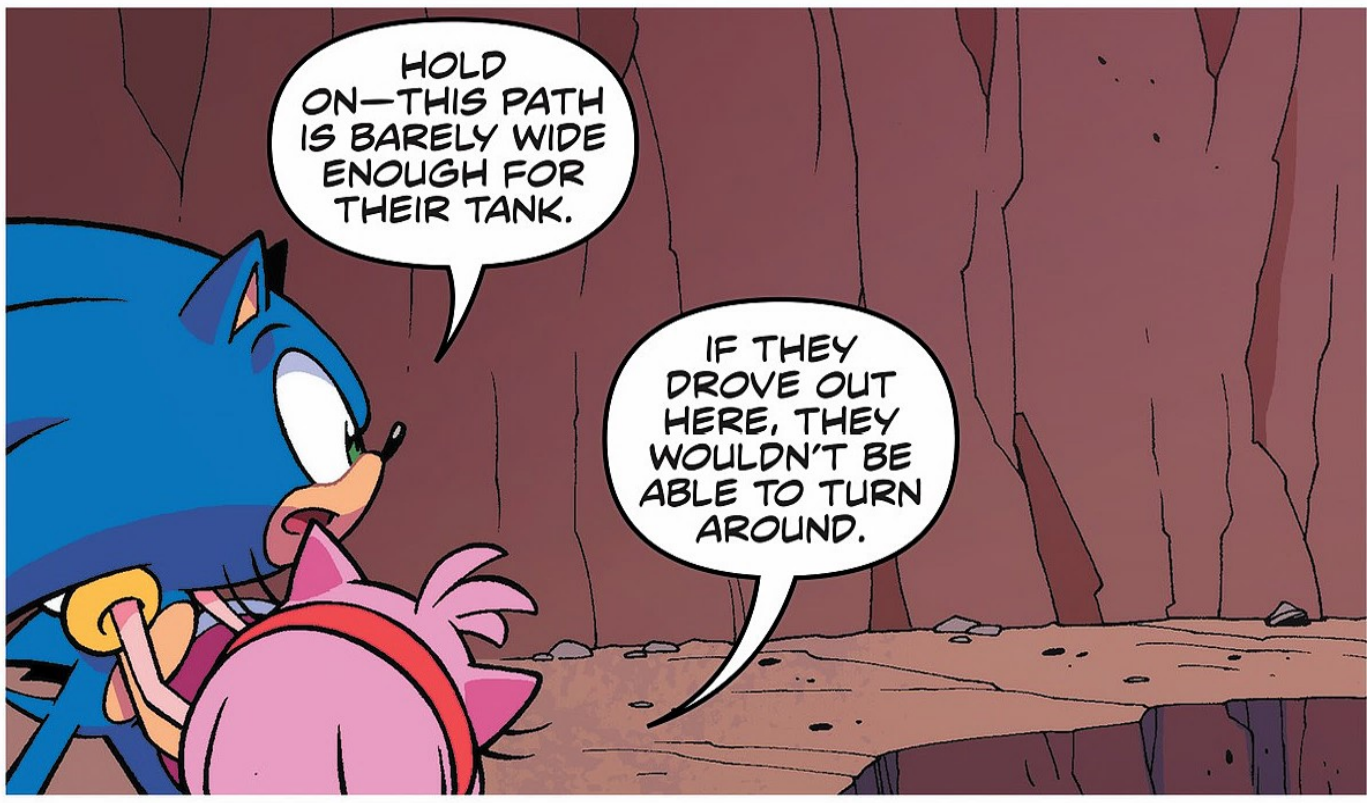
CAREFUL!


DEAD END?
IT'S A REFUSE PIT! THE ONLY WAY OUT IS BACK THE WAY WE CAME!


HOLD ON—THIS PATH IS BARELY WIDE ENOUGH FOR THEIR TANK.
IF THEY DROVE OUT HERE, THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TURN AROUND.

END OF THE LINE, SUCKERS!

ROUGH! HARD RIGHT!

OH, CRAP!

I ALMOST FEEL BAD FOR WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO.

HAHA— ALMOST!

THEY'RE BEHIND US!

BRAKKA-RAKKA-RAKKA

NO NO NO NO—!

PIKO

VREEEE

SHUNK

BAIL! BAIL!

WHY DIDN'T HE JUST GIVE US FLAMETHROWERS?! BAZOOKAS?! NOT THIS BIG DUMB TANK!

IT'S OVER, YOU GOONS! TELL US WHERE EGGMAN IS AND WE'LL GO EASY ON YOU!

JOKE'S ON YOU, TOOTS!

WE'VE BEEN SAVING THE BIG GUNS FOR LAST!

SPLOOSH

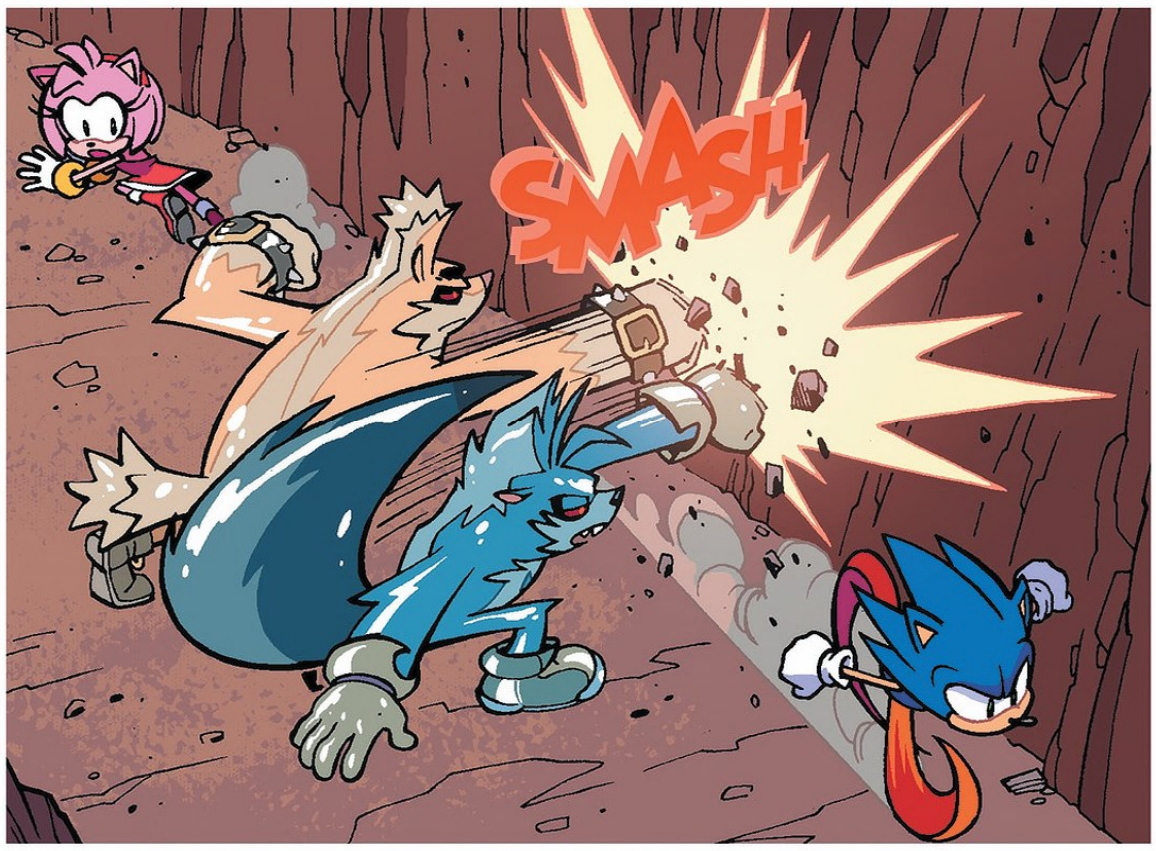
WHAT THE HECK?!

GET IT OFF! GET IT OFF!

S-SONIC... WHAT IS...?

NO IDEA.

THEY'RE... THEY'RE ROBOTS! NOT BADNIKS, BUT—!
SOMETHING WORSE.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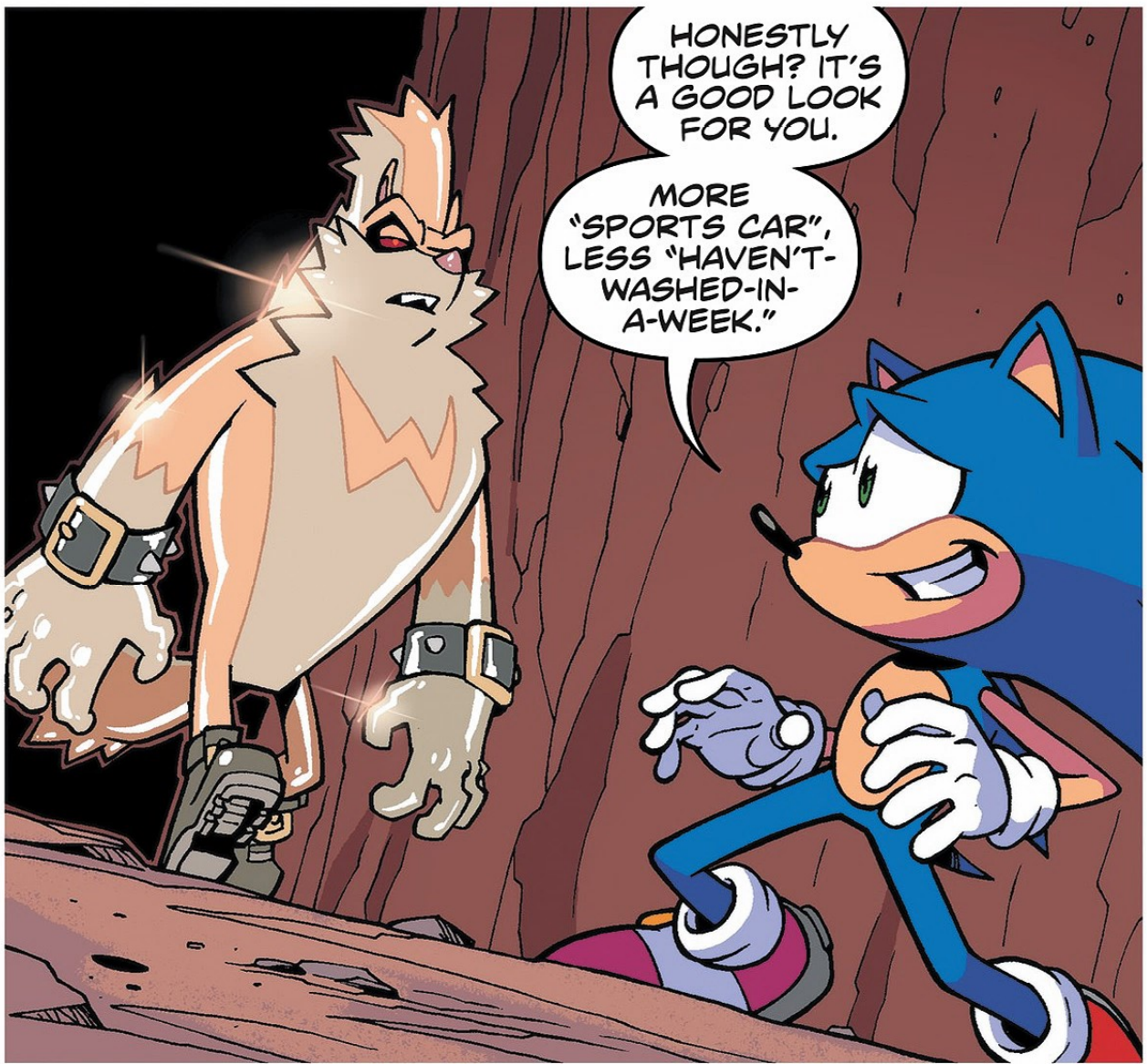

HONESTLY THOUGH? IT'S A GOOD LOOK FOR YOU.
MORE "SPORTS CAR", LESS "HAVEN'T-WASHED-IN-A-WEEK."

SMASH

YOU GET TRANSFORMED, BUT DON'T GET A NEW TAIL OUT OF THE DEAL? WHAT A RIP—AM I RIGHT?

THEY'RE NOT RESPONDING! IT'S LIKE THEY'RE COMPLETELY SOULLESS!

EGGMAN SOMEHOW TURNED THEM INTO ZOMBIE ROBOTS.

SO... "ZOMBOTS"?

YEP! I'M GOING WITH "ZOMBOTS"!

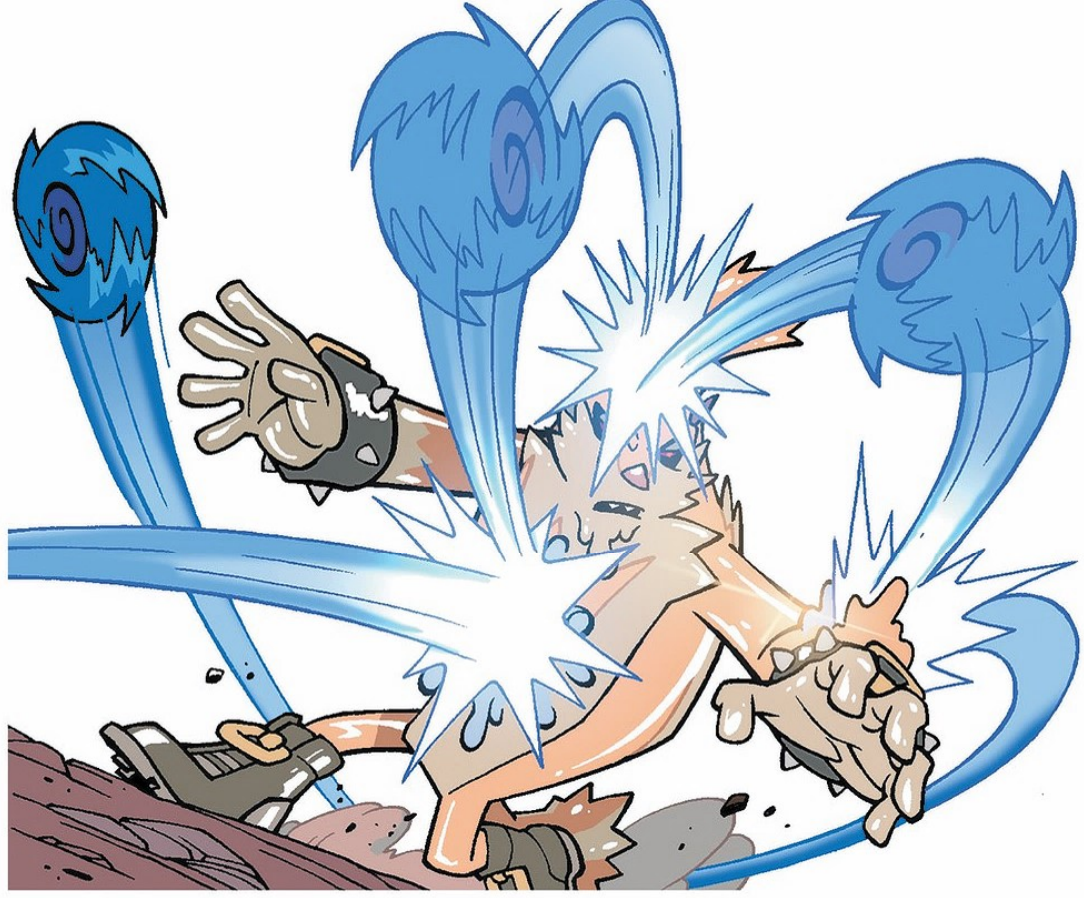
IT'S NOT LIKE WE COULD REASON WITH YOU BEFORE, SO...

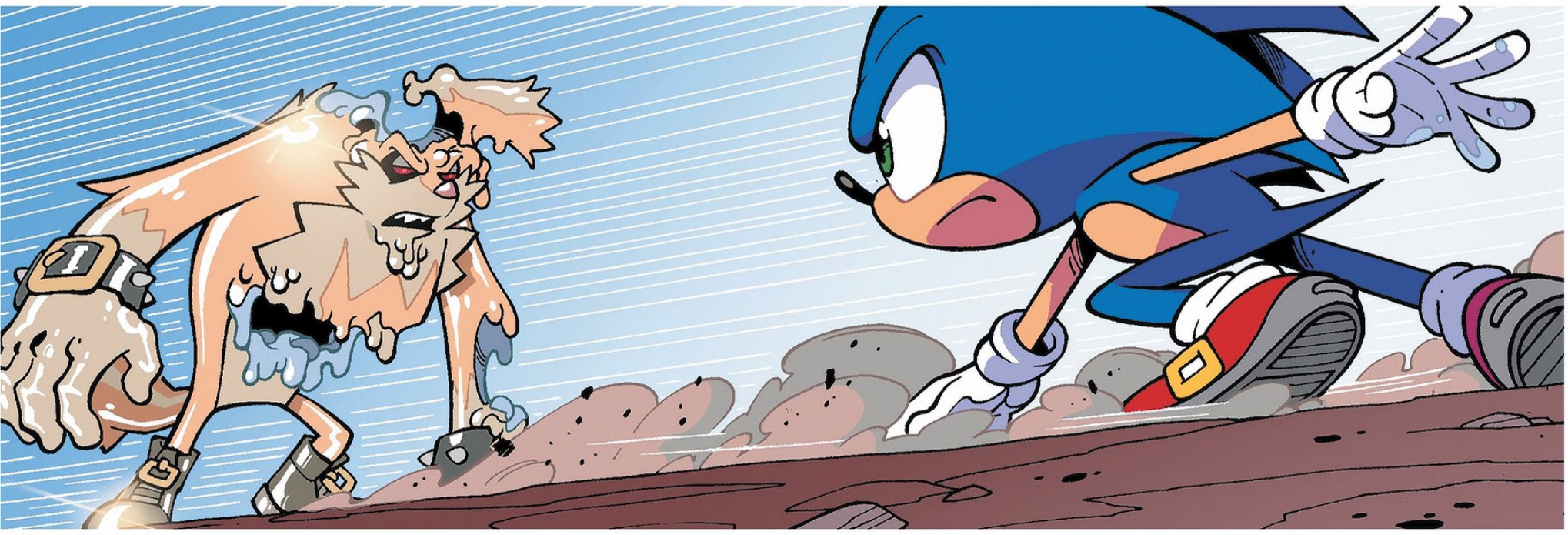
PIKO

OH MY GOSH! I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T KNOW THAT WOULD—!

SHING

SONIC! I DON'T THINK WE CAN HURT THEM!





YEAH. =WHEW= I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT.

...UH-OH...

AMY! DO NOT LET THEM TOUCH YOU!

POW

IF YOU CAN'T BE HURT, AND FIGHTING YOU IS HAZARDOUS TO EVERYONE'S HEALTH...

VREEEE

...I'LL JUST HAVE TO PUT YOU DOWN HERE FOR NOW.

SONIC?!

IT'S A BIT ROUGHER THAN I WANT TO PLAY IT, BUT I'M KIND OF IN TROUBLE.

WHATEVER CHANGED THEM IS INFECTIOUS.

SO... ANY IDEAS? 'CAUSE THIS IS SPREADING *FAST!*

OH-HO-HO-HO! THAT WENT BETTER THAN I DARED HOPE FOR!

THE *POWER* OF THE INFECTED...

JUST CALL THEM "ZOMBOTS".

I'LL GIVE SONIC CREDIT—IT'S CATCHY.

I SUPPOSE I CAN ALLOW THE DEFEATED THAT MUCH.

WHAT'S NEXT ON THE AGENDA, DOCTOR?

NEXT? WE SHARE MY METAL VIRUS WITH THE WORLD! IT'S TIME WE START THE *CLINICAL TRIALS!*

NEXT TIME: SONIC THE ZOMBOT?!

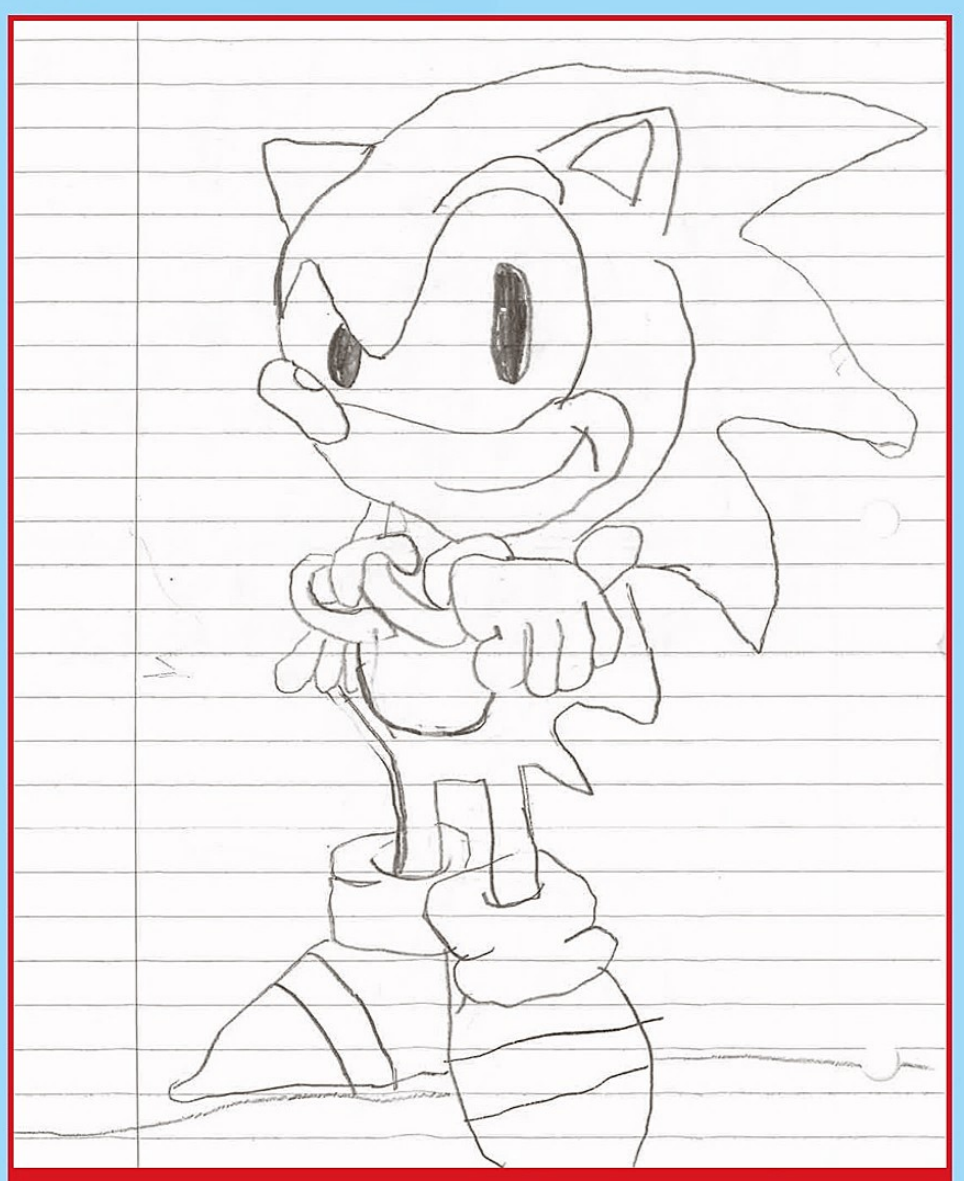
SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hey Squad. Bit of a somber one, huh? I can't believe Sonic was infected... Guess that explains why this one was called "Patient Zero". But enough feeling sad—I'm sure Sonic will figure a way out of this one and we need to give a big welcome to Jack Lawrence! Jack did an amazing job on the issue and we're happy to have him as part of the team with Ian Flynn, Matt Herms, and Shawn Lee! So, to take our minds off Sonic's infection, let's check out some awesome art and letters!

To IDW/Sonic,

To see Sonic comics return with a great publisher is very refreshing. I have been a life-long Sonic fan, from the very first Sega Genesis at 6 years old! As I got older, I may have strayed away from the games for awhile, but thanks to the arrival of my favorite character, Shadow, in the early 2000s, the interest came back. I felt being older, and riding motorcycles, I had a character I could relate to, that kept me with the Sonic universe. Besides a big thumbs up to IDW for continuing Sonic's adventures, and huge anticipation for Shadow's return to comics…I really only have two questions:
1. Please tell me that Shadow will get his motorcycle back soon??
2. Will Shadow be a regular character like he deserves and not a cameo every 25 issues??

Keep speeding ahead,
Reno



Art by Cristopher S.

Hi Reno,

Glad to hear from such a life-long fan! By now, I'm sure you've seen Shadow's return to comics and I think we've shown he'll be around a bit. Seeing as we're at 15 issues and he's shown up in a third of them, he's a pretty regular character. His motorcycle however, well, we'll just have to wait and see on that one.

Hello IDW!

My name's Mackinaw (Mac for short), I'm 19, and I've been a huge Sonic fan for about 10 years now. I absolutely LOVE what you guys are doing with the comics and it's always been hard to wait for the next issue to come out! I seriously can't give you all enough kudos for your work!! I've looked at some of the previews for upcoming issues and I'm unable to put into words how excited I am for them. Also, I wanted to say that it was a pleasant surprise to see Blaze the Cat (my personal favorite Sonic character) be introduced as quickly as she was into this series. It was great to see her team up with Sonic and his buddies! Thank you all for doing such an outstanding job so far with the series! Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,
Mackinaw Shutt

Art by Giovanni Pavone

Hi Mac,

Thanks for the high praise! Trust us, things are just going to get more exciting from here. If you're in the

Art by Maddie Cayce

one-shot that came out last Winter! He hasn't been in the main series yet? (Flips through back issues) Guess not! Well we'll have to rectify that, huh? Maybe the next time we see Shadow and Rouge he'll be along for the ride *hint hint*.

Hey IDW team,

I've been in the Sonic fandom since I was about 5 (I'm 17 now), and how people react when I say so or how the community has gotten as made me not want to talk about it much anymore. But the new comics you guys have been putting out as reinvigorated my love for Sonic. So I drew Sonic fan art for the first time in a while! Love Dr. Starline! Anyway, I just wanted to ask a question abou him, does he get embarrassed when Rough and Tumble pose like anime magical girls? Keep up the good work!

Sincerely, "H"

need for more Blaze—since she's gone back to her dimension—be sure to pick up the Sonic the Hedgehog Annual 2019 where she stars in a lovely story with her friend Silver called "Victory Garden"! That's on sale this month!

Hello! I'm Sawney and I'm really loving the IDW sonic comics, but the whole time I'm reading I wonder where E-123 Omega is? Team Dark isn't complete with just Rouge and Shadow. Is he ever going to show up? It feels like there's an Omega shaped hole whenever Shadow and Rouge show up. Thank you for your time!

Hi Sawney,

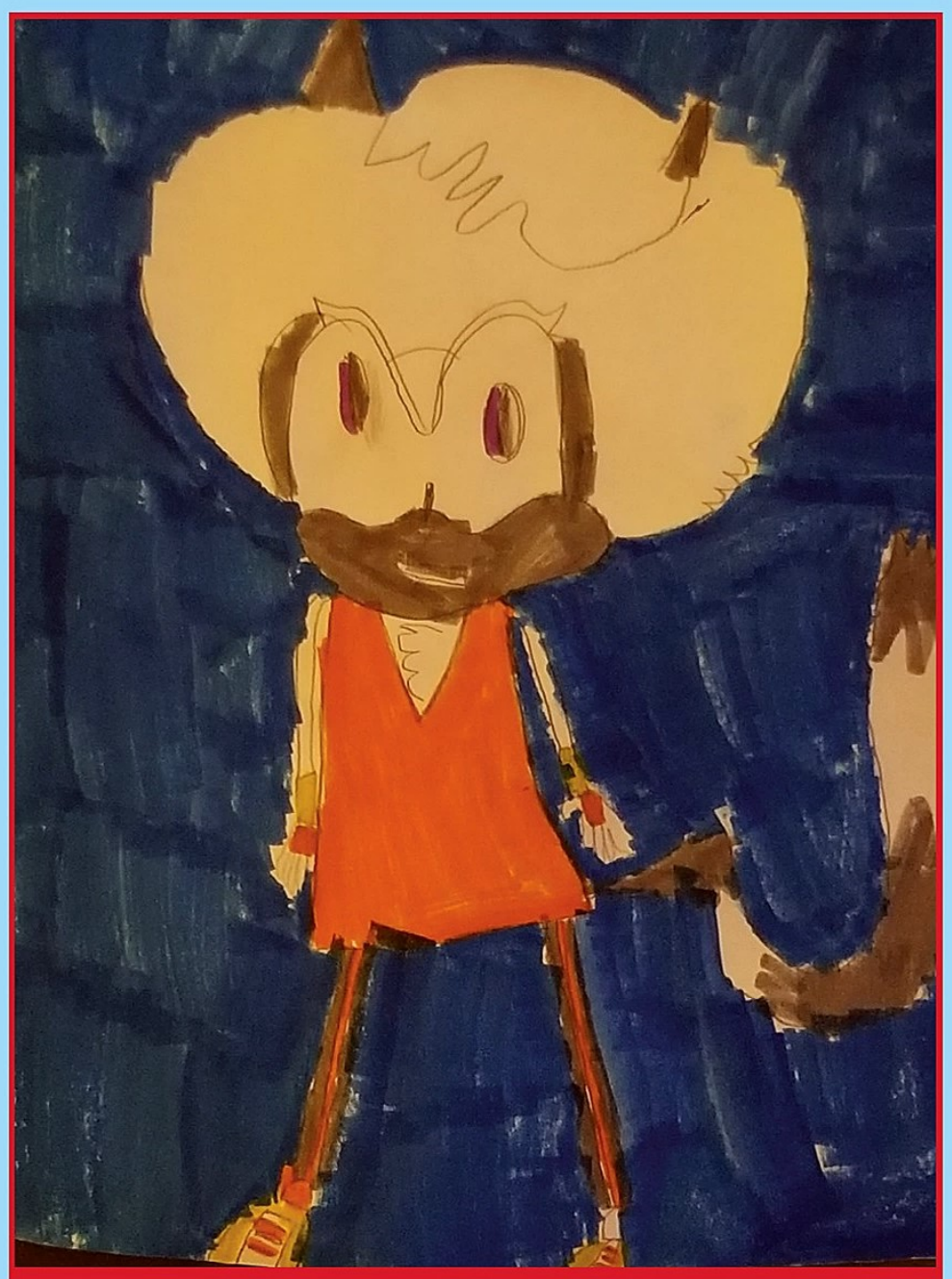
HMM... E-123 Omega... That name seems really familiar... Oh yeah! He was in the Team Sonic Racing

Art by H

Hi H,

It's really great to hear that you're enjoying the comic and that it's reinvigorating your love of Sonic and your creative output! Besides trying to tell great stories, that's definitely a goal of the comic and the reason the Letters column exists—to provide a place to celebrate Sonic fans and fandom! Thank you for sharing with us! Now, to answer your question, yeah... Dr. Starline isn't groovy or hip like your old editor and up with the kids dabbing, so he'd probably be embarrassed.

That's all for this time! Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! We'll see you next issue and hopefully Sonic won't be a zombot...



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"MAKE THE NEXT RIGHT TURN."

TURN RIGHT ONTO... OVERLY... OMINOUS... AVENUE.

YOU'RE THE BOSS, PHONE!

?

AHHHHH!!!

RECALCULATING...

"... RECALCULATING..."

I CAN'T LOOK AWAY.

WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO, RAPH?

WHY WOULD YOU *EVER* WANT TO?

>SNIFF<

I'M TEARING UP AGAIN, YOU GUYS.

THEY'RE JUST... SO... BEAUTIFUL.

SO HERE'S A CRAZY IDEA, WE'VE GOT THESE AWESOME NEW WEAPONS, LET'S TAKE THEM OUT FOR A SPIN.

I'M WITH MIKEY ON THIS ONE.

I MEAN, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MYSTICAL WEAPONS FROM A SECRET HIDDEN CITY BELOW MANHATTAN.

JUST THINK OF ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS WE COULD LEARN FROM STUDYING THEM IN A CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT.

NOT TO MENTION ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS WE COULD BLOW UP IN THE PROCESS.

OR WE COULD JUST USE THEM TO STRIKE SWEET NINJA POSES ON THE ROOFTOPS AND SHOUT STUFF LIKE "THIS ENDS NOW!" AND "LET'S DO THIS!"

THOSE ARE LITERALLY MY TWO FAVORITE PHRASES, LEO.

NO.

WHAT? WHY, CRUEL UNIVERSE?! *WHY?!*

GEEZ, I HAVEN'T SEEN MIKEY THIS WORKED UP SINCE THE GREAT CHILI SPILL OF 2017.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MY FALLEN GARBANZOS.

GONE BEFORE THEIR TIME.

SORRY, GUYS. MUCH AS I HATE TO SAY IT, WE GOTTA BE CAUTIOUS HERE.

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THESE WEAPONS ARE CAPABLE OF. SO WE CAN ONLY USE 'EM WHEN WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.

WHEN THINGS LOOK... DIRE.

THEY SURE ARE PRETTY THOUGH...

HEY GUYS. YOU WON'T BELIEVE THE DAY I HAD AT BURGERVILLE.

LET'S JUST SAY THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO CAUSE A GREASE FIRE.

BY MY COUNT THERE'S SEVEN.

ONE OF THOSE OOZESQUITOS THINGS BUZZED IN—

—YOU KNOW THOSE BUGS THAT TURN NORMAL PEOPLE INTO MUTANTS—

—AND AFTER I TRIED TO SMASH THE THING...

...WELL, LONG STORY SHORT, IT LOOKS LIKE I'M BACK ON THE JOB HUNT AGAIN SO—

UH... GUYS?

OOOKAY. I'M GONNA GO TRY AND GET THIS GREASE OUT OF MY HAIR... AND MY SHIRT... AND MY VERY SOUL...

HEY.

WASN'T APRIL HERE LIKE A SECOND AGO?

I LIKE THE WAY MY KUSARI-FUNDO GLIMMERS IN THE LIGHT.

LIKE IT KNOWS IT'S BEAUTIFUL, BUT IT DOESN'T WANT ME TO KNOW IT KNOWS.

YOU'RE RIGHT, RAPH! APRIL'S MISSING!

YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, FEARLESS LEADER.

YEAH. IT'S A SITUATION MOST *DIRE.*

THERE'S NOT A SECOND TO WASTE.

NOW WE'RE TALKING!

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